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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with the DD/S&T on 21 September
Regarding Modification of SAC U-2 Aircraft

REFERENCE: Memo from EO/DDS&T to AD/OSA dated
15 September; Subject - Development of Plans
to Acquire and Modify for CIA SAC U-2
Aircraft [REDACTED] NRO 25X1A

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1. At the morning meeting of 21 September, [REDACTED] brought up the question posed by the referenced memorandum having to do with the modification of SAC U-2 aircraft.

2. Dr. Wheelon directed that I do nothing to implement the provisions of paragraph 1. of the reference, certainly until there has been time to more thoroughly discuss the implications of opening U-2 modifications to bidders other than Lockheed. Since Dr. Wheelon will not be back in the office until 28 September, I shall consider that the matter is closed until that time. I believe, however, that there are persuasive reasons for vigorously resisting any suggestion that additional U-2 modifications be farmed out to companies other than Lockheed where the experience lies with this airplane.

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